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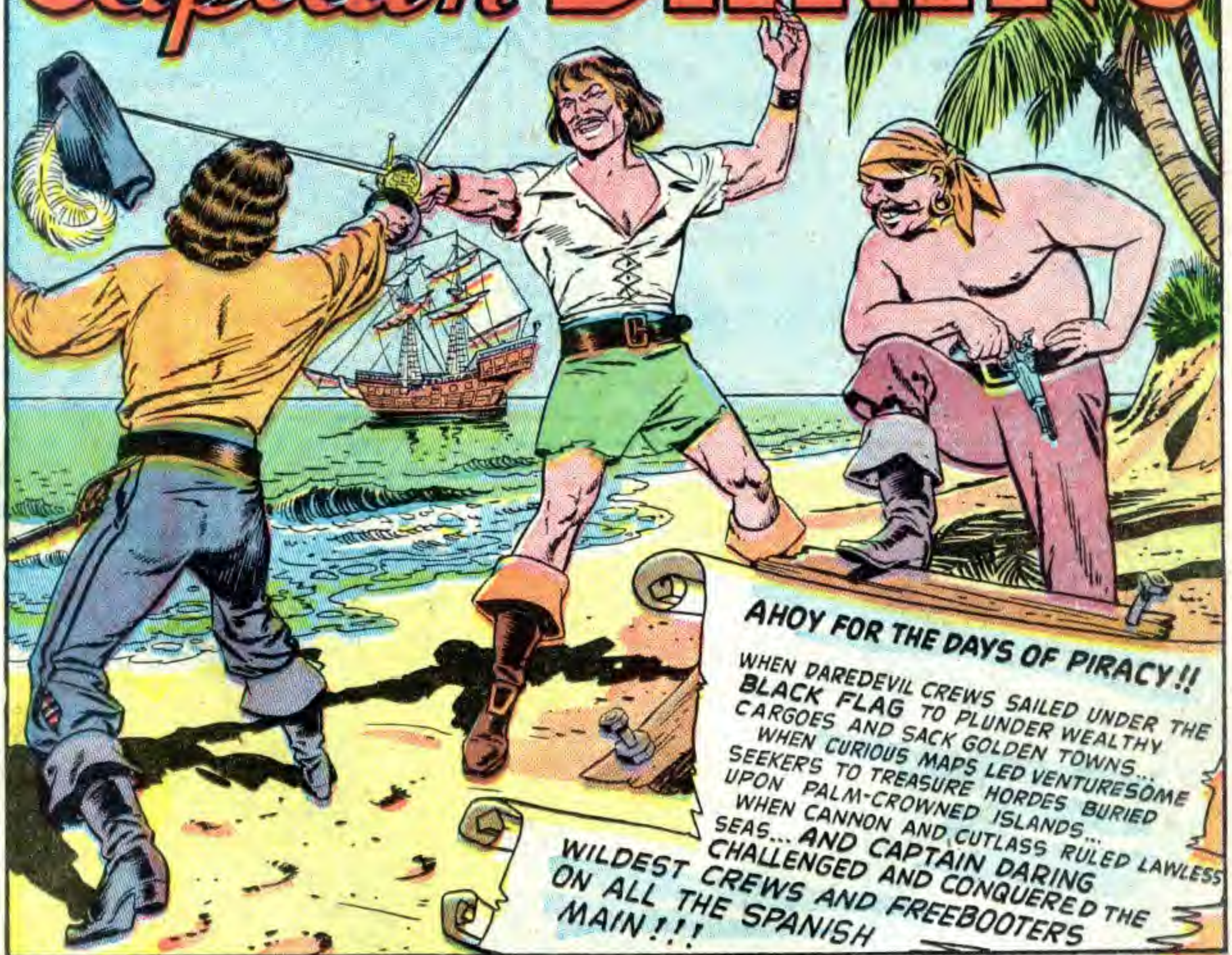
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WHEN DAREDEVIL CREWS SAILED UNDER THE
BLACK FLAG TO PLUNDER WEALTHY
CARGOES AND SACK GOLDEN TOWNS...
WHEN CURIOUS MAPS LED VENTURESOME
SEEKERS TO TREASURE HORDES BURIED
UPON PALM-CROWNED ISLANDS...
WHEN CANNON AND CUTLASS RULED LAWLESS
SEAS... AND CAPTAIN DARING
CHALLENGED AND CONQUERED THE
WILDEST CREWS AND FREEBOOTERS
ON ALL THE SPANISH
MAIN!!!

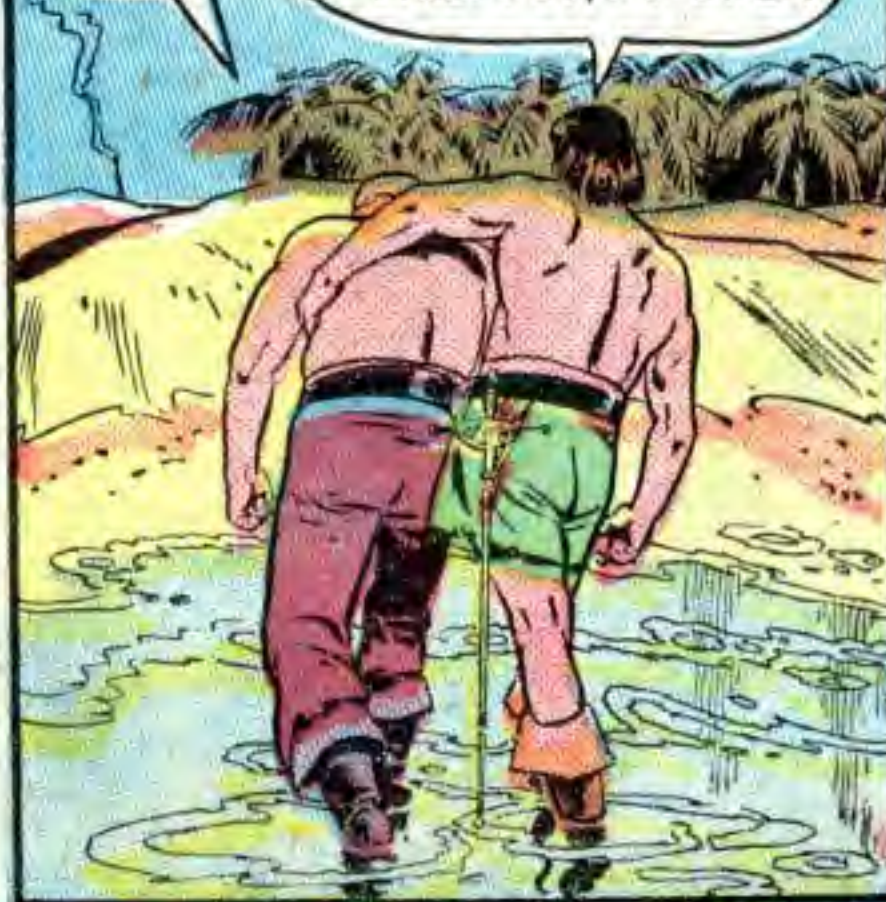
COME BACK THROUGH TWO
CENTURIES OF TIME... TO A DAY
WHEN THE SEA WAS ROUGH
AND TWO LUCKLESS MEN
WONDERED IF THEY WOULD
SURVIVE THE WRECK OF THEIR
CRAFT...

I'M GOIN' FAST, CAP'N!
IF YOU LIVE AND SEE ANY OF ME
GALS, TELL 'EM
EACH ONE THAT
I DIED WITH HER,
NAME ON ME
LIPS...

SAVE THAT
FOR YOUR REAL
DYING SPEECH,
PATCH, OLD MESS-
MATE! THIS WAVE IS
CARRYING US TO WHAT
LOOKS LIKE LAND!

SAFE...
BUT I'M
THIRSTY...
WEAK...

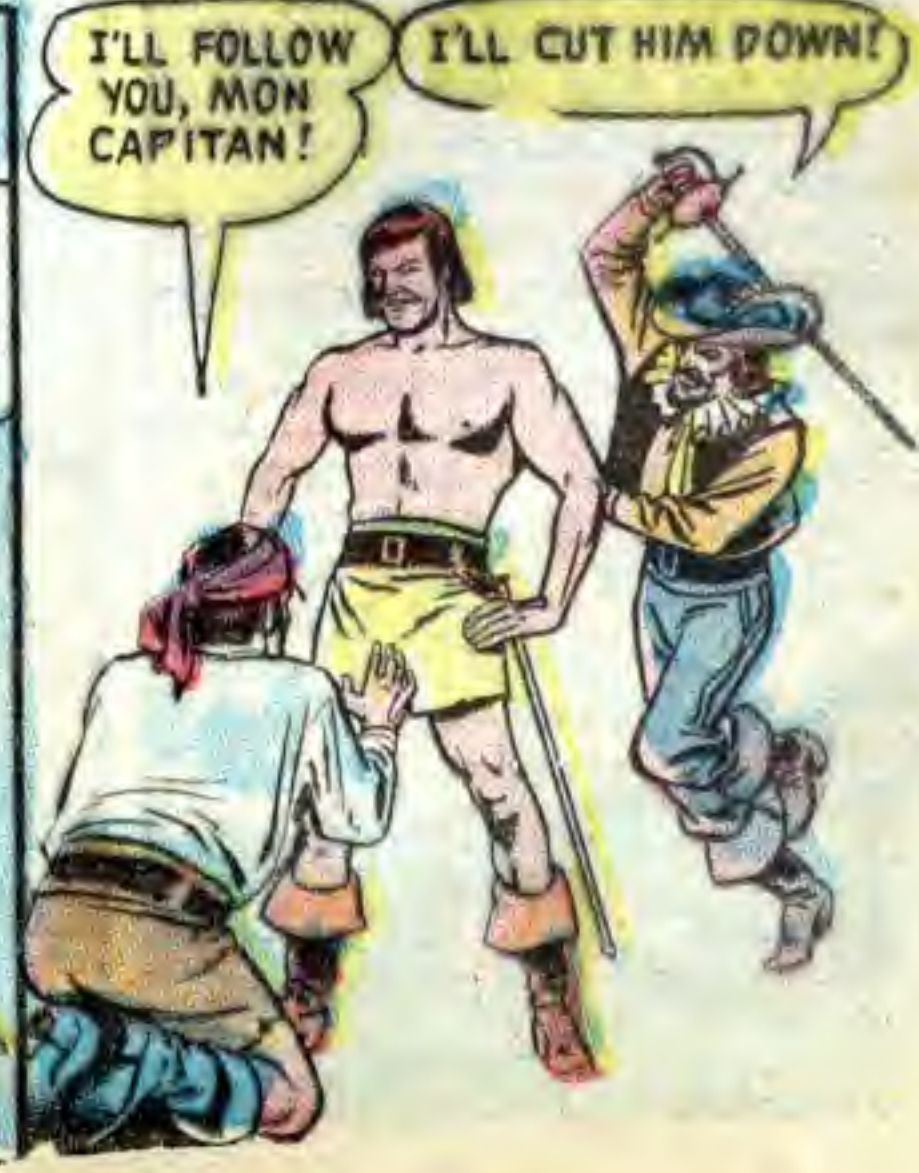
REST ON THE SAND, PATCH!
I SEE SMOKE YONDER! AND
WHERE THERE'S SMOKE
THERE MAY BE MEN...
FRIENDLY, I HOPE!



THERE, MATES! WE'VE BURIED
OUR POOR SKIPPER... BRAVE AND
GENTLE A
RASCAL AS
EVER CUT
A THROAT
OR SCUTTLED
A SHIP!

AYE, AYE! AND
NOW'S TO SHOW
WHICH OF US IS
BLOODY ENOUGH
TO COMMAND IN
HIS PLACE!





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TRICKERY, EH? THIS BLOW MIGHT BREAK YOUR JAW... BUT I WANT TO FIGHT FAIR!



YOU FIGHT LIKE A DEVIL!

NO, ONLY LIKE A GENTLEMAN! BACK, CROSSBONES... BACK!



DON'T BE SO SURE, CAPTAIN DARING! I'M RECOVERED FROM THE CHOP ON THE CHIN!

CROSSBONES SPEAKS THE TRUTH, MATES! HE'LL CARBANADO THAT RASH ROGUE!



BLIMEY, 'E DID IT AGAIN!



WILL YOU JOIN OUR JOLLY CREW, MATEY?

AYE, AYE, CAP'N!



NOW, LADS, HERE IS YOUR SECOND IN COMMAND, PATCH!

SLASH MY SKYSAILS, CAP'N DARING! I SAW IT ALL... NEVER DOUBTED YOU'D WIN, BUT NEVER KNEW YOU'D WIN SO QUICK!



THERE'S OUR CRAFT, CAP'N DARING... THE HAZARD!

SMALL, BUT READY-LOOKING! BUT WE'LL SOON HAVE A BIGGER AND BETTER ONE! LET'S GO ABOARD!



THE HAZARD HAS NOT LONG PUT BACK TO SEA WHEN...

SAIL HO!! AND MIND YOUR EYES, MATES... IT LOOKS LIKE THE REVENGE... CAPTAIN SHARK'S DEVIL FRIGATE!

EVEN SHARK'S FELLOW-PIRATES FEAR HIM, CAPTAIN! IF WE WERE IN DISTRESS... COULDN'T RUN... HE'D COME ABOARD, AND...

WOULD HE SO, FRIEND? ALL RIGHT, LOWER PART OF OUR SAILS! LET HIM THINK WE ARE IN DISTRESS!



BUT HE'S A FIEND, CAPTAIN! HE'S PLUNDERED MERCHANT AND BUCCANNEER ALIKE... ENSLAVES HIS CAPTIVES! AND WE HAVE BUT TWO GUNS!

LOAD THEM BOTH ...WITH BIG HANDFULS OF SMALL SHOT! TAKE THE BOW GUN, PATCH, I'LL HANDLE THE ONE HERE AT THE STERN!



ABOARD THE SINISTER FRIGATE THAT BEARS DOWN.

YOU THINK THAT LITTLE NUTSHELL WORTH OUR TAKING, CAPTAIN SHARK?

EGAD, YES! I SEE MEN ABOARD HER... WE CAN USE THEM TO SCRUB OUR DECKS AND FETCH OUR GROG! STAND BY TO BOARD HER!



THE HUGE CRAFT BEARS DOWN ON THE SMALL ONE...

BASH MY BARNACLES, LOOK HOW THEY PREPARE TO RESIST US!

DO THEY THINK TO LIFT A HAND AGAINST CAPTAIN SHARK'S BULLIES?



THEN, EVEN AS THE SIDES COME TOGETHER...

RAKE THAT LINE OF LOOTS AT THE BULWARK, PATCH!

AYE, AYE, SIR!



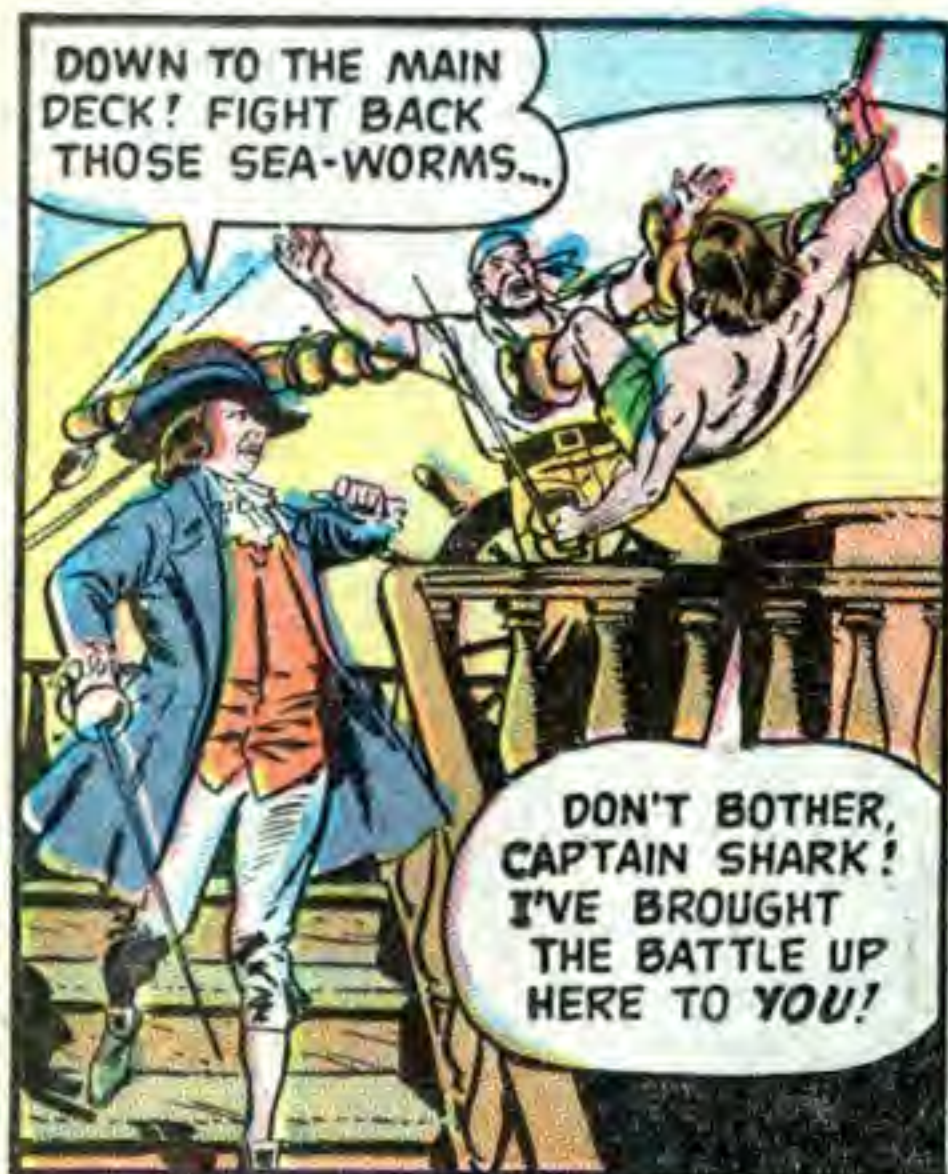
OUT CUTLASSES AND BOARD!



QUICK! AFTER THEM, BEFORE THEY RECOVER FROM THAT VOLLEY!

TAKE THAT... A PRESENT FROM PATCH!!





THEN IT'S AGREED, MEN! WE'LL RAID THE ROBBERS... PLUNDER THE PIRATES! BE RICH AND HAPPY... WITH DECENT FOLK APPLAUDING INSTEAD OF FEARING...

PARDON ME, CAPTAIN! BUT THERE'S A SPECIAL TREASURE WE FOUND IN A CABIN BELOW DECKS!

A TREASURE INDEED! I MYSELF NEVER SAW THE EQUAL OF IT...

CAPTAIN SHARK CAPTURED ME FROM MY HOMEWARD-BOUND SHIP! I SEE THAT I'VE FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF OTHER VILE THIEVES AND SCOUNDRELS!

I AM THE LADY DOLORES DRAYTON... NIECE OF SIR MARK DRAYTON, WHO WILL PAY A RANSOM FOR ME THAT WILL SATISFY EVEN YOUR GREED!

SIR MARK DRAYTON! IS HE NOT THE GOVERNOR OF THE ISLAND OF ILLYRIA?

THAT IS MY UNCLE! CHOOSE, PIRATE... A RANSOM FOR MY SAFE RETURN... OR MY UNCLE'S MEN WILL DRIVE YOU FROM THE SEAS!

AHOY, MATES! STAND BY TO GO ABOUT AND MAKE WAY FOR THE ISLAND OF ILLYRIA!

WHILE THE REVENGE APPROACHES ILLYRIA...

SHARK'S CLOTHES BECOME YOU WELL, CAP'N! BUT THE LADY DOLORES IS A PROUD PIGEON... SHE WON'T ADMIRE YOU...

WHO ASKS HER TO ADMIRE ME? I WANT ONLY TO MAKE A GOOD APPEARANCE WHEN I STEP ASHORE IN ILLYRIA!

I EXPECT TO HAVE AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION WITH SIR MARK DRAYTON!

BE WARNED, CAPTAIN DARING... MY UNCLE HAS SWORN TO HANG ANY WORTHLESS PIRATE HE SEES, AT THE MAIN DOCK OF ILLYRIA!

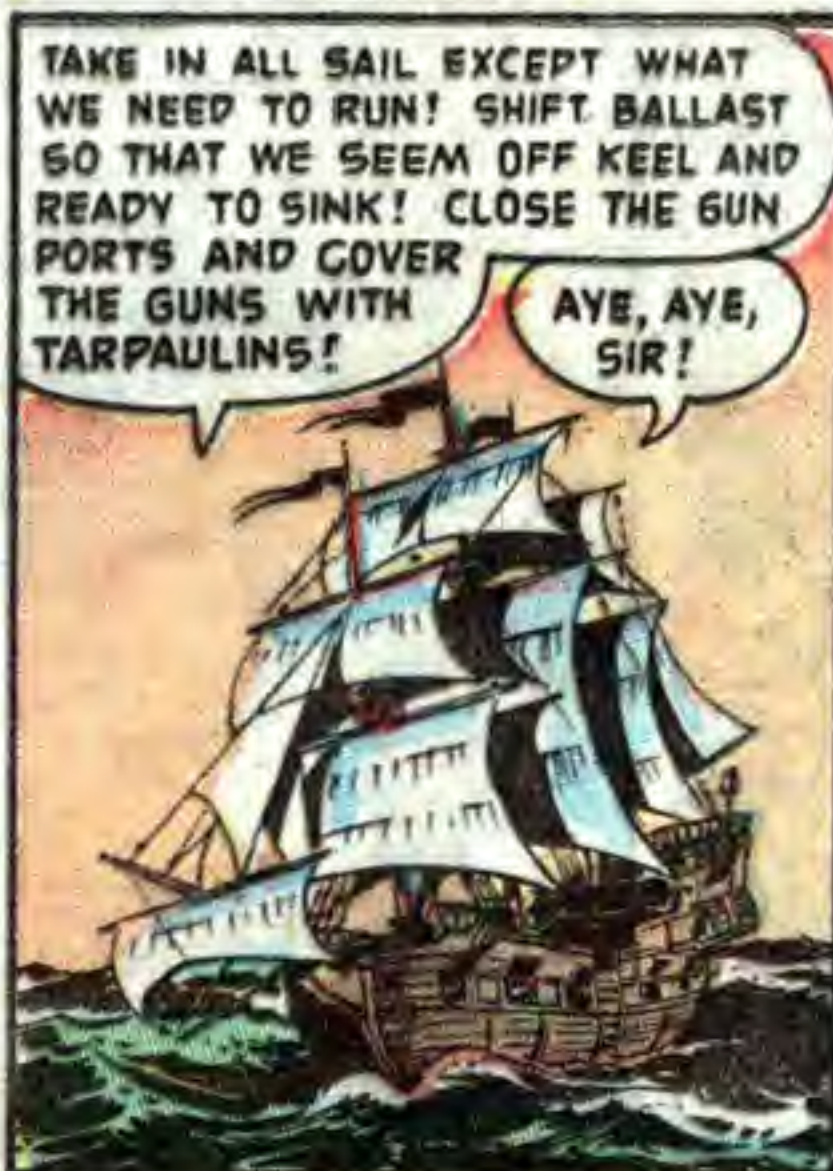
I BEGIN TO THINK THAT YOU WILL BE **DISAPPOINTED** IF YOU LEARN I AM NOT THE GREATEST ROGUE UNHANGED!

I WILL BE SURPRISED AT LEAST... NOR DO I THINK YOU WILL REMAIN UNHANGED FOR LONG!



WE'RE APPROACHING ILLYRIA ISLAND, CAPTAIN ... SOON WE'LL BE IN SIGHT! WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS?

THE SAME THAT HELPED US SURPRISE CAPTAIN SHARK! MAKE THE SHIP SEEM IN DISTRESS!



TAKE IN ALL SAIL EXCEPT WHAT WE NEED TO RUN! SHIFT BALLAST SO THAT WE SEEM OFF KEEL AND READY TO SINK! CLOSE THE GUN PORTS AND COVER THE GUNS WITH TARPAULINS!

AYE, AYE, SIR!



YOU... YOU INTEND TO ATTACK ILLYRIA? TRICK AND DESTROY MY POOR UNCLE?

WHY ANSWER SUCH QUESTIONS WHEN YOU SEEM ALREADY CERTAIN, MY LADY?



BUT SURELY YOU INTEND NO SUCH MAD, BRUTAL ACTION!

WAIT AND SEE, LADY DOLORES!



THE REVENGE PRETENDS TO LIMP TOWARD THE POWERFULLY DEFENDED HARBOR OF ILLYRIA...

WHAT SHIP IS THAT COMING?

PLAINLY NO MENACE TO US! SHE SEEMS WATERLOGGED... BELIKE THE VICTIM OF PIRATES!



AHOY, FRIEND! TOSS US A ROPE... WE WISH TO MOOR CLOSE IN AND GET HELP ABOARD!

THERE'S DEEP WATER HERE! YOU CAN LIE IN CLOSE TO THE ROCK! BUT NO TRICKERY, MIND ...OR WE'LL BLOW YOU OUT OF THE SEA!



TRICKERY! WHAT TRICKERY CAN WE DO? THREE QUARTERS OF US ARE LYING HERE, WOUNDED AND HELPLESS!

I COMMAND HERE! I'LL SEND MEN TO CARRY YOUR COMRADES ASHORE!



NOW, MY POOR FELLOW, I'LL SEND FOR SURGEONS TO ...

THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS, SIR, BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR THAT! IF YOU COMMAND HERE...



I DEMAND THE SURRENDER OF THIS FORTRESS!

YOU'RE ME PRISONER, YE SCURVY LANDLUBBER!



THE BOLD TRICK WORKS... THE FORTIFIED BATTERY IS CAPTURED!

NOT A DROP OF BLOOD SHED! LET'S HOPE WE KEEP IT THAT WAY!

INCREDIBLE! THAT A PACK OF RUDE RASCALS SHOULD SEIZE THIS STRONG POINT... WITH CANNON THAT BID DEFIANCE TO ALL THE HIGH SEAS!



ROLL THOSE CANNON ACROSS AND TRAIN THEM ON THE TOWN ITSELF! PATCH, FOLLOW ME!

AYE, CAP'N, I'M ALWAYS FOLLOWING!



WE'RE READY NOW, PATCH! INTO THE BOAT AND ROW ME ASHORE!

CAPTAIN DARING, YOU'RE MAD AS WELL AS WICKED!



SET FOOT ON THE WHARF, AND MY UNCLE WILL HAVE YOU DANGLING BY THE NECK WITHIN TEN MINUTES!

IF SO, YOU SHOULD BE PLEASED, LADY DOLORES! PATCH, GET OVERSIDE!



I ALWAYS OBEY ORDERS, CAP'N DARING... BUT I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, PATCH! LESS JAW AND MORE MUSCLE!

MEANWHILE, AT THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE...

YOUR EXCELLENCY! SIR MARK DRAYTON! PIRATES HAVE SEIZED THE HARBOR BATTERY... A BOAT'S COMING TOWARD SHORE...

FIENDS AND INT ME! I'LL GO THERE AT ONCE! COME, LORD VIRELLS, I MAY NEED YOUR HELP!

NO QUESTIONS, NEIGHBORS! MY MESSAGE IS FOR YOUR GOVERNOR, SIR MARK DRAYTON!

I'M THE GOVERNOR OF ILLYRIA! WHAT'S YOUR MESSAGE, GALLOWS-BIRD? IF I ORDER A CANNON SHOT TO SINK YOUR SHIP YONDER...

BEFORE YOU GIVE SUCH AN ORDER, YOUR EXCELLENCY, PRAY LOOK THROUGH THIS GLASS AND SEE WHOM I HAVE ABOARD!

WHAT...

STAB MY VITALS, SIR! IT'S MY NIECE... MY DOLORES!

AYE, AND A LADY OF NOBLE CHARM! IF I'M NOT BACK ABOARD WITHIN AN HOUR, WITH THE NEWS THAT YOU'VE AGREED TO MY TERMS...

WHAT ARE THOSE TERMS, YOU PIRATE DOG? MONEY... JEWELS...

READ THIS PAPER, YOUR EXCELLENCY! TRUE, IT'S BLOTTED BY SOAKING IN SEA-WATER, BUT NOTICE THE SIGNATURES!

A COMMISSION... CAPTAIN DARING IS TO BRING LAW AND SAFETY TO THE PIRATE-RIDDEN COLONIES! SIGNED BY THE PRIME MINISTERS OF THREE NATIONS!

PERHAPS I DID NOT NEED TO ENTER THE HARBOR JUST THIS WAY... BUT IT MAKES FOR EXCITEMENT, EH, SIR?

WHAT I WANT FROM YOU, SIR MARK, IS THE USE OF ILLYRIA AS AN ADVANCE PORT FROM WHICH TO SAIL AND FIGHT AGAINST THE EVIL-DOERS!

GRANTED... GLADLY! BUT WHY MUST YOU FRIGHTEN ME, CAPTURE MY NIECE, SEIZE MY FORTRESS YONDER?

BECAUSE OTHERWISE YOU WOULDN'T ADMIT MY CREW OF FIGHTING RASCALS! LATELY THEY WERE PIRATES THEMSELVES... NOW SWORN TO MY SERVICE!

FETCH THEM ASHORE, MY BOY! AND DOLORES, TOO! WE'LL CELEBRATE THIS AGREEMENT WITH A FEAST!

AND CAPTAIN DARING'S ARRIVAL ON THE SCENE OF THE WAR AGAINST EVIL IS CELEBRATED...

FF SHE'LL KNOW I'M TRUE AS I SAIL THE BLUE, IF SHE'S THERE A-F A-WATCHIN' ME...

CURSE THAT CAPTAIN DARING AND HIS GAY AIRS! HE'S MONOPOLIZING DOLORES... I INTENDED MARRYING HER AND HER FORTUNE!

CAPTAIN DARING, I WISH TO ASK PARDON FOR MY SCORN OF YOU! NOW I FIND YOUR COMPANY MOST PLEASANT...

NO RIVAL SHALL STAND BETWEEN ME AND DOLORES!



LADY DOLORES, YOUR KINDNESS OVERWHELMS ME...

ON GUARD, CAPTAIN DARING!

HOW OFTEN IT HAPPENS... A COWARDLY SNAKE STRIKING FOULLY FROM BEHIND!

THUS A BLOW IS STRUCK FROM IN FRONT!



ANOTHER TIME WE'LL SETTLE THIS...

AYE, BUT NOT HERE! LEAVE THIS ISLAND! SEEK OUT OTHER COWARDS AND MURDERERS... TELL THEM TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF JUSTICE AND PEACE IN THESE TROUBLED COLONIES!

AND YOU MUST GO FORTH TO BATTLE, CAPTAIN? INTO DANGER... PERHAPS DESTRUCTION?

YOUR ANXIETY FOR ME WILL BE A CHARM TO PROTECT MY LIFE! AND I WILL RETURN WHEN MY ADVENTURES ARE OVER!



The SPANISH MAN



PROTECTOR OR PIRATE... DICK WARR WAS ONE OR THE OTHER... BUT WHICH? THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL THOUGHT HE KNEW... REDHAND, THE PLUNDERING ADMIRAL OF THE RAIDERS THOUGHT HE KNEW... WHAT DO YOU THINK ???

THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL OF THE ISLAND COLONIES IS WORRIED... HIS BEST YOUNG OFFICER REPORTS FOR A CONFERENCE...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, LIEUTENANT WARR! THAT THIEVING, MARAUDING REDHAND IS REPORTED, AS GATHERING A WHOLE FLEET OF PIRATE CRAFT TO RAID OUR PORTS AGAIN!

I AM AT YOUR ORDERS, SIR! WHATEVER YOU ADVISE, I WILL TRY TO DO!

RAKE ME, DICK WARR, I HAVE NO ADVICE TO OFFER! I'M ASKING YOU TO ADVISE ME!

THEN IF A MERE LIEUTENANT MAY ADVISE A GENERAL, LISTEN! BUT YOU MAY BE ANGRY WHEN I SUGGEST...

NONSENSE, DICK WARR! THAT'S A FOOL'S TALK, IF EVER I HEARD IT!

THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL SEEMS TO BE IN A SCOLDING MOOD!





THE WINE YOU ORDERED ME TO BRING, SIR!

DRINK IT, LIEUTENANT WARR! THEN GET OUT, AND DON'T COME IN HERE WITH ANY MORE OF THAT STUPID AND MOON-WITTED ADVICE!



I'M ONLY A LIEUTENANT... BUT AS MUCH OF A GENTLEMAN AS YOU EVER DARED BE, GENERAL! NO MAN USES SUCH LANGUAGE TO ME!

GLUG! CALL THE GUARDS! ARREST THIS HOT-HEADED YOUNG BRAWLER!



GUARDS! GUARDS! GET LIEUTENANT WARR! HE HAS ASSAULTED THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL... HE'LL BE PUNISHED FOR THAT!

OUT OF THE WAY! I WANT THAT SWIFT SAILBOAT!



CLOSE IN! OVERHAUL HIM! BRING HIM BACK TO THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL... DEAD OR ALIVE!

THEY'LL BRING ME BACK NEITHER WAY! MY BOAT'S SMALLER, BUT FASTER!



THE CHASE CONTINUES ACROSS MILES OF OCEAN, UNTIL...

WE DARE CHASE HIM NO MORE! THESE WATERS ARE PATROLLED BY REDHAND'S PIRATE SHIPS! STAND BY TO GO ABOUT AND HEAD HOME!



AND WARR SAILS TO THE SHORE OF A LONELY ISLET...

WHO ARE YOU? SPEAK UP, AND DON'T LIE ANY MORE THAN YOU CAN HELP!

WHY SHOULD I LIE, MATE? I WAS AN OFFICER OF THE COLONIAL FORCES UNTIL I QUARRELED WITH THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL AND FLED FOR MY LIFE!



TAKE HIM INLAND! REDHAND WILL BE LANDING, AND HE'LL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH PRISONERS!

LEAD ON, LADS! I'D LIKE TO MEET YOUR BOLD CHIEF, REDHAND!



IN A CLEARING AMONG THE PALMS...

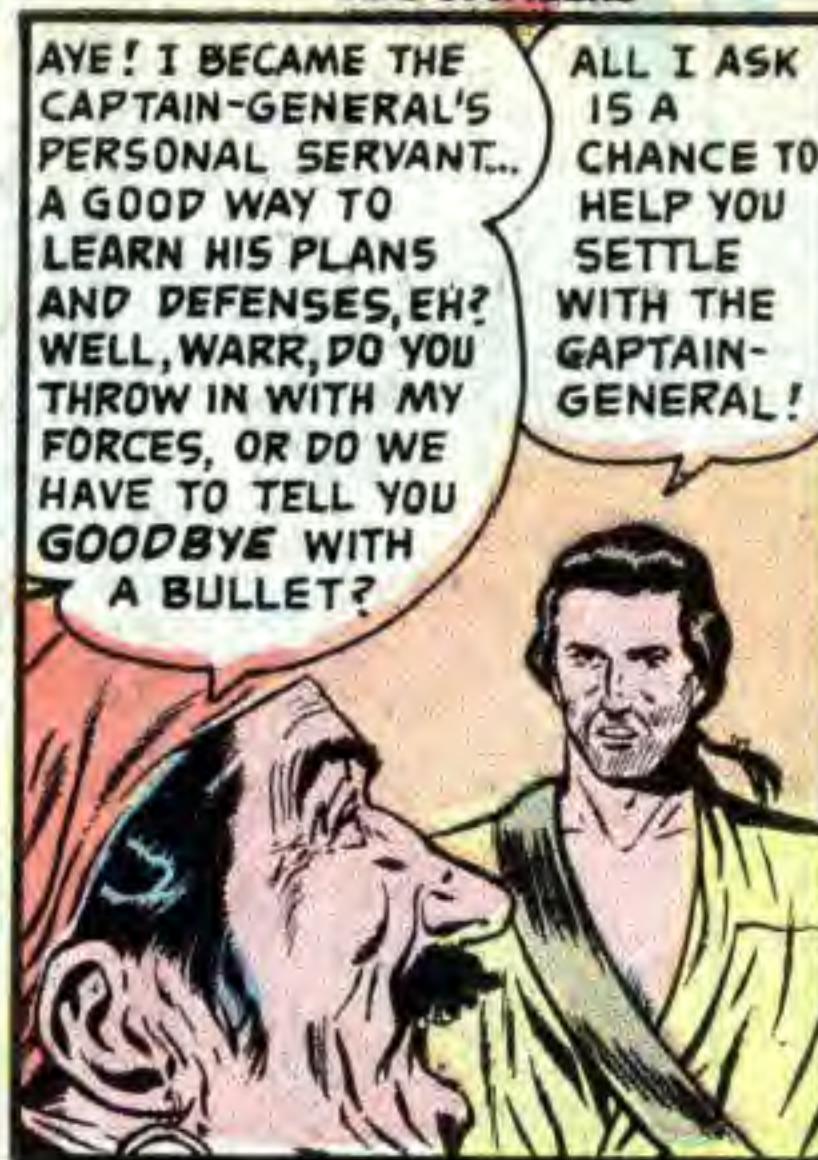
REDHAND, HERE'S A PRISONER WE TOOK ON THE BEACH!

BRING HIM BEFORE ME! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING HIM SOONER OR LATER!



IT SO HAPPENS
I KNOW
EX-LIEUTENANT
WARR!

REDHAND!
AND...YES...
I KNOW
YOU, TOO!



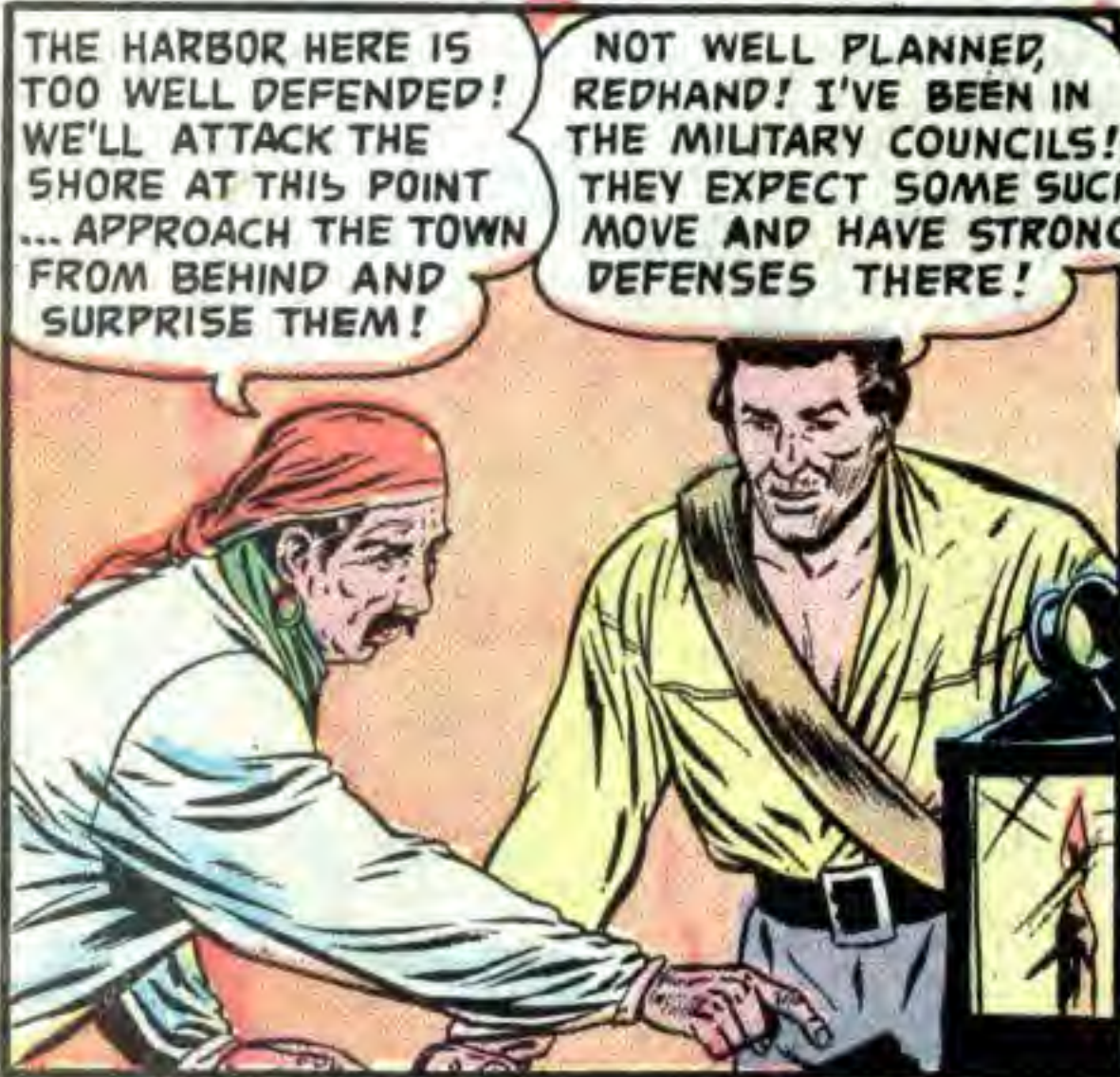
AYE! I BECAME THE
CAPTAIN-GENERAL'S
PERSONAL SERVANT...
A GOOD WAY TO
LEARN HIS PLANS
AND DEFENSES, EH?
WELL, WARR, DO YOU
THROW IN WITH MY
FORCES, OR DO WE
HAVE TO TELL YOU
GOODBYE WITH
A BULLET?

ALL I ASK
IS A
CHANCE TO
HELP YOU
SETTLE
WITH THE
CAPTAIN-
GENERAL!



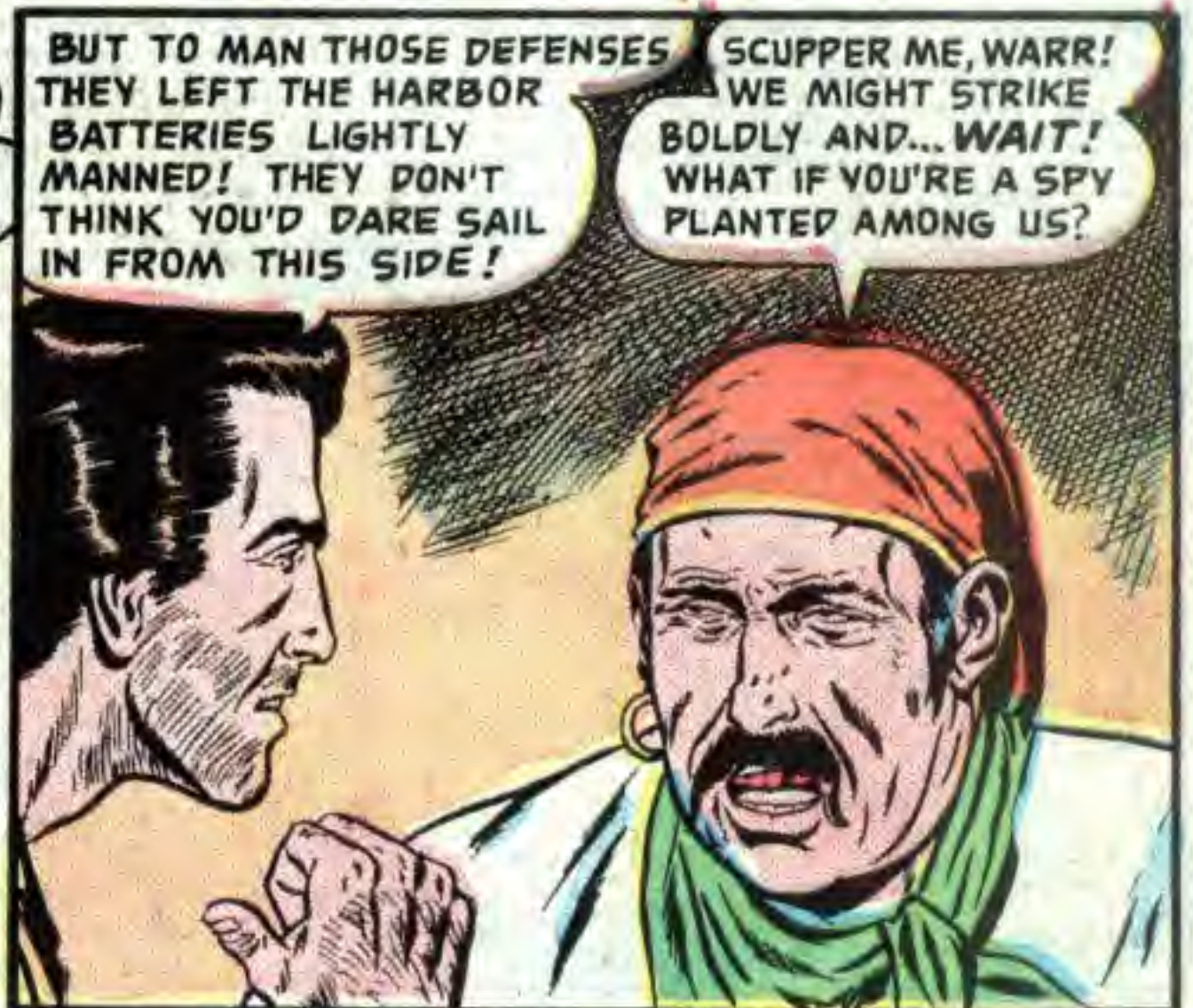
I'M A GENTLE-
MAN BORN!
HE TREATED
ME LIKE A
DOG!

WE'LL TREAT YOU
LIKE A MAN AND
A BROTHER PIRATE!
BRING THAT MAP,
MATES! I WANT
WARR TO HELP ME
PLAN OUR ATTACK
ON THE MAIN
PORT!



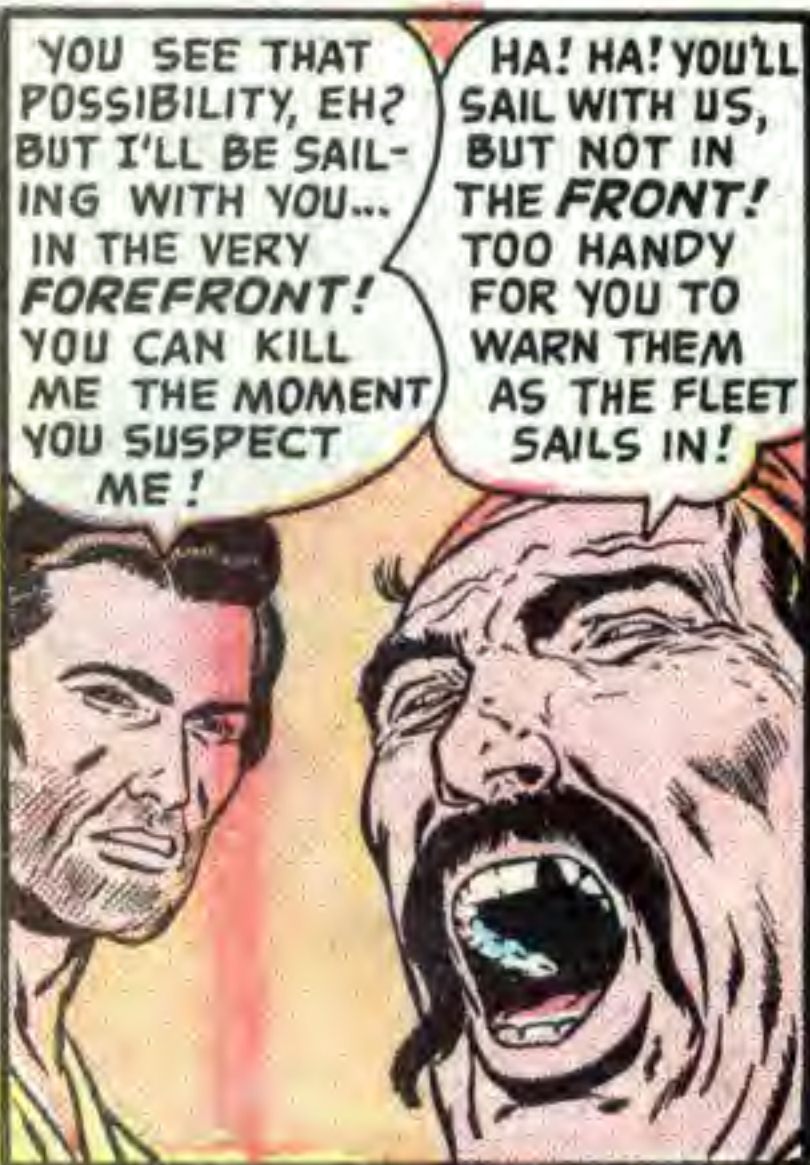
THE HARBOR HERE IS
TOO WELL DEFENDED!
WE'LL ATTACK THE
SHORE AT THIS POINT
... APPROACH THE TOWN
FROM BEHIND AND
SURPRISE THEM!

NOT WELL PLANNED,
REDHAND! I'VE BEEN IN
THE MILITARY COUNCILS!
THEY EXPECT SOME SUCH
MOVE AND HAVE STRONG
DEFENSES THERE!



BUT TO MAN THOSE DEFENSES
THEY LEFT THE HARBOR
BATTERIES LIGHTLY
MANNED! THEY DON'T
THINK YOU'D DARE SAIL
IN FROM THIS SIDE!

SCUPPER ME, WARR!
WE MIGHT STRIKE
BOLDLY AND...WAIT!
WHAT IF YOU'RE A SPY
PLANTED AMONG US?



YOU SEE THAT
POSSIBILITY, EH?
BUT I'LL BE SAIL-
ING WITH YOU...
IN THE VERY
FOREFRONT!
YOU CAN KILL
ME THE MOMENT
YOU SUSPECT
ME!

HA! HA! YOU'LL
SAIL WITH US,
BUT NOT IN
THE FRONT!
TOO HANDY
FOR YOU TO
WARN THEM
AS THE FLEET
SAILS IN!



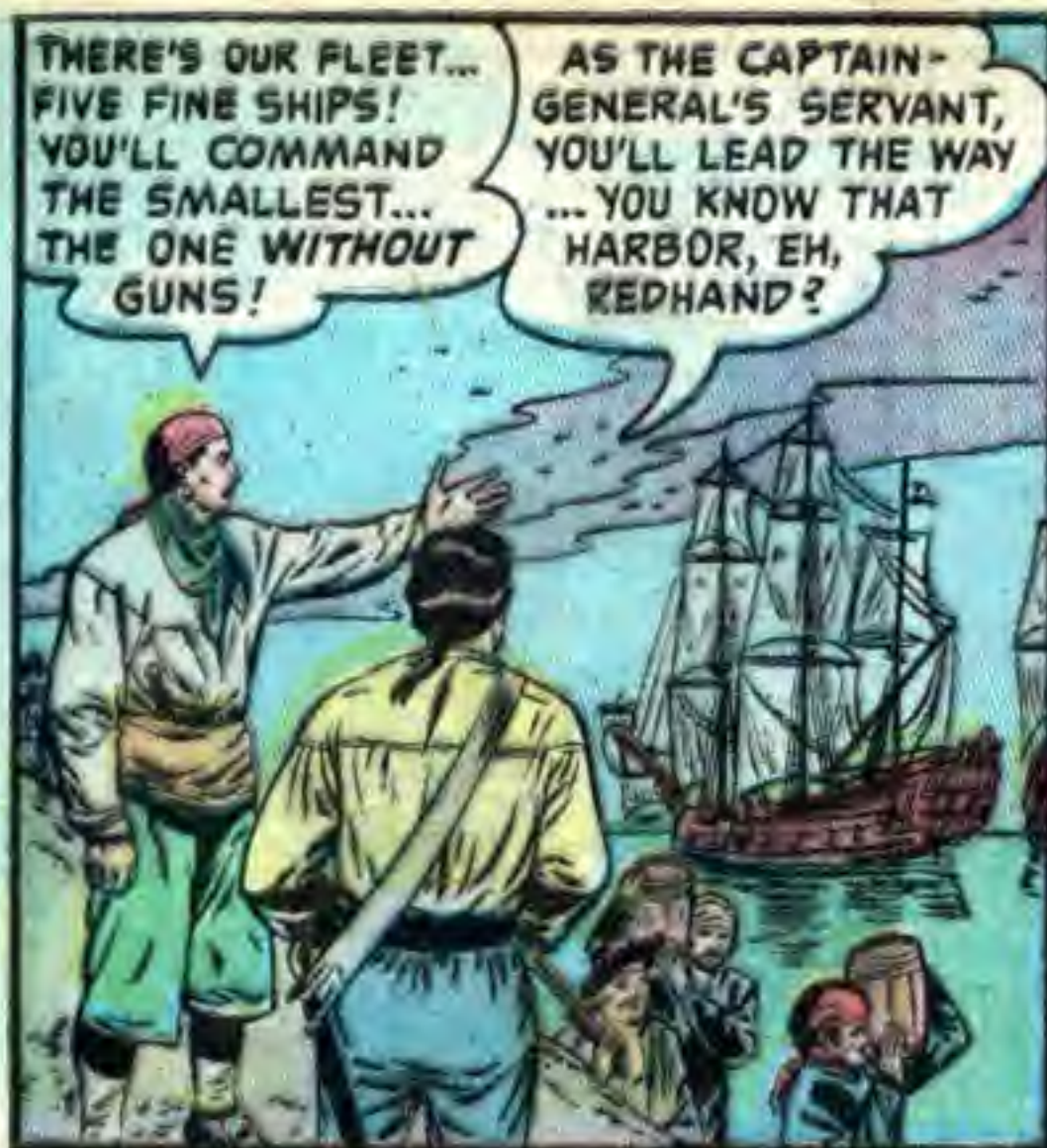
I'LL SAIL WHERE-
EVER YOU ORDER
ME, REDHAND!
THE REAR OF
THE FLEET...

NO, NOT THE
REAR OF THE
FLEET, EITHER!
YOU COULD ESCAPE
TOO EASILY FROM
THAT POINT!
YOU'LL COMMAND
A CRAFT IN THE
MIDDLE!



FRONT, REAR,
MIDDLE...ANY-
WHERE YOU
WANT WILL
SUIT ME,
REDHAND!

HA, YOU SPEAK
LIKE A BORN
PIRATE, ALREADY!



THERE'S OUR FLEET... FIVE FINE SHIPS! YOU'LL COMMAND THE SMALLEST... THE ONE WITHOUT GUNS!

AS THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL'S SERVANT, YOU'LL LEAD THE WAY ... YOU KNOW THAT HARBOR, EH, REDHAND?



EXACTLY, WARR! AND WE TIME OUR VOYAGE TO REACH THERE WITH THE TIDE AT DAWN!

THEN THE SOONER WE'RE ALL ABOARD, THE BETTER!



THE PIRATE FLEET SAILS ON ITS ERRAND OF PLUNDER... WARR COMMANDS THE SMALL SHIP AT THE MIDDLE POSITION!

NO CANNON ABOARD, AND ONLY A FEW MEN! WHAT'S OUR CARGO, MY BUCK?

STORES OF GUNPOWDER AND SMALL ARMS, SIR!



THEN, AT DAWN...

STAND BY TO ENTER THE HARBOR!

I THINK WARR'S HEART IS WITH US! BUT IF THE HARBOR BATTERIES SHOW ANY RESISTANCE... SIGNAL FOR THE MEN ON WARR'S SHIP TO FINISH HIM!



NO... NOT A SIGN OF LIFE, REDHAND!

WARR MUST KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT... ALL THE GARRISON IS WAITING FOR US TO LAND OUTSIDE THE HARBOR!



IN WE GO, SIR! TWO FIGHTING CRAFT ALREADY IN THE HARBOR, READY TO LAND PARTIES!

AND TWO BEHIND US OUTSIDE THE HARBOR! RIGHT!



RIGHT, SIR! LOOK OUT FOR THAT PIPE YOU'RE SMOKING! A SPARK FROM IT MIGHT SET OUR POWDER CARGO AFIRE!

AYE, THAT IT WOULD! IF SUCH AN ACCIDENT HAPPENED, I'D HAVE TO DIVE INTO THE WATER QUICKLY...



...LIKE THIS!

YOU'VE GONE MAD!

A MOMENT LATER, THE SHIP BLOWS UP IN THE HARBOR ENTRANCE!



AS IF BY SIGNAL, THE SILENT BATTERIES AT THE HARBOR MOUTH OPEN ON THE TWO SHIPS OUTSIDE!



TEN THOUSAND CURSES! WE'RE HIT...

SO ARE WE! WE'RE SINKING!

AND INSIDE THE HARBOR...

THOSE TWO CRAFT ARE BOTTLED UP INSIDE WITH US! LET THEM HAVE IT, MEN... LIKE SHOOTING FISH IN A BARREL!



ABOARD REDHAND'S CRAFT...

OUR SISTER CRAFT IS GOING DOWN! SHE'S STRIKING HER COLORS, REDHAND! ASKING FOR MERCY!

THIS IS ALL THE FAULT OF THAT SNEAKING SPY, LIEUTENANT WARR!



IF I COULD HAVE HIM WITHIN REACH OF MY SWORD, I'D DIE HAPPY!

NOW'S MY CHANCE TO BRING HAPPINESS TO REDHAND!



I THINK YOU MENTIONED MY NAME JUST NOW!

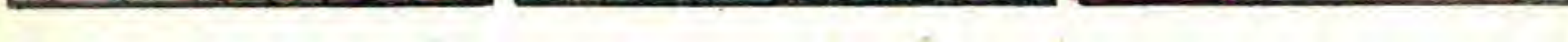
COME ON, MATE! LET'S CUT HIM INTO OUNCES!



WE'RE TWO TO ONE...

THAT ISN'T FAIR, REDHAND!





ERIC FALCON

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE



ERIC FALCON WAS A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE... ALL HE INHERITED FROM HIS FOREBEARS WAS A SWORD OF SHINING STEEL! BUT SHARP STEEL, SHARPER WITS AND PEERLESS COURAGE OPENED TO HIM THE GATES OF GAY ADVENTURE AND LED HIM TO A LIFE OF TRIUMPHANT EXCITEMENT IN THE DAYS WHEN PIRATES SAILED THE SEVEN SEAS!

ADMIRAL FALCON, BRAVE DEFENDER OF THE ISLAND COLONIES, HAS DIED. HIS HEIRS ARE SUMMONED TO HEAR THE READING OF HIS WILL...

YOUNG SIR, YOU AND YOUR COUSIN PANCRAS ARE ADMIRAL FALCON'S ONLY GRANDCHILDREN! BUT HE HAS ANOTHER HEIR... HIS WARD, THE DAUGHTER OF HIS OLD FRIEND, MAJOR DELL... HER NAME IS FORTUNA DELL!

AYE, DEAR COUSIN ERIC! SUMMON FORTUNA TO HEAR THIS WILL-READING, THAT WE MAY HAVE DONE WITH THE BORING DETAILS!

HERE IS MISS FORTUNA DELL! I PRAY YOU BEGIN THE READING, MASTER ATTORNEY!

HARK THEN: ADMIRAL FALCON DIVIDES HIS ESTATE INTO THREE ITEMS... THIS SEASIDE CASTLE, THE CHEST HERE AND ITS CONTENTS, AND HIS SWORD THAT WAS DRAWN IN SO MANY BATTLES!

BUT HE SAYS THAT THE THREE OF YOU... MASTER ERIC, MASTER PANCRAS, AND MISTRESS DELL MUST DECIDE **AMONG** YOU AS TO WHICH SHALL HAVE WHAT... SWORD, CASTLE, OR CHEST!

STRANGE BEQUESTS, ERIC! YET ADMIRAL FALCON MUST HAVE MEANT THAT WE WOULD AGREE ON WHAT EACH DESERVED!





Whoever chooses the chest... sorry, but your greedy instinct was wrong! My treasure is hidden elsewhere!

Admiral Falcon

MY GRAND-FATHER WAS A DEVIL! NO DOUBT HE KNEW I'D CHOOSE THE CHEST... AND LEFT IT EMPTY TO SPITE ME!

MIGHT THE SWORD BE THE CLUE, MR. PANCRAS? SAY THE WORD, AND I'LL FOLLOW MASTER ERIC TO SPY ON HIM!

AND WHILK, THE FAITHFUL ROGUE SEEKS ERIC'S LODGINGS

THERE HE IS, ADMIRING HIS GRANDFATHER'S SWORD AS A LASS ADMIRES A JEWEL!

THIS TRUE BLADE MADE ONE OF THE FALCONS FAMOUS! MAYHAP 'T WILL DO THE SAME FOR ME!

BUT THE POMMEL SEEMS LOOSE! I'LL SEE IF I CAN FIX IT...

AS I LIVE... THE HILT IS HOLLOW... INSIDE IS A MESSAGE!

HA, 'TIS A MAP OF AN ISLAND... LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE NOTED DOWN... AND A CROSS TO MARK THE HIDING PLACE OF...

THIS NEWS WILL PLEASE MY MASTER PANCRAS!

PANCRAS HAS RETURNED TO THE CASTLE WHERE FORTUNA DWELLS...

BY MY SWORD, WHILK! I CAME HERE TO PAY COURT TO MISTRESS FORTUNA! WHY DO YOU INTERRUPT...

I WATCHED MASTER ERIC! FROM THE HILT OF THE SWORD HE TOOK A CHART... THAT I THINK WILL LEAD HIM TO THE ADMIRAL'S HIDDEN TREASURE!

INSIDE...

'TIS THE VOICE OF PANCRAS OUT THERE!

WELL SPIED, WHILK! WE'LL RETURN AND SEND CERTAIN STOUT ROGUES TO SEIZE BOTH SWORD AND CHART!

SHORT MINUTES LATER...

NO NOISE, YOUNG SPARK! WE WON'T HURT YOU IF YOU HAND OVER THAT PRETTY SWORD!

YOU'LL HAVE TO COME AND TAKE IT, GOOD FELLOW!



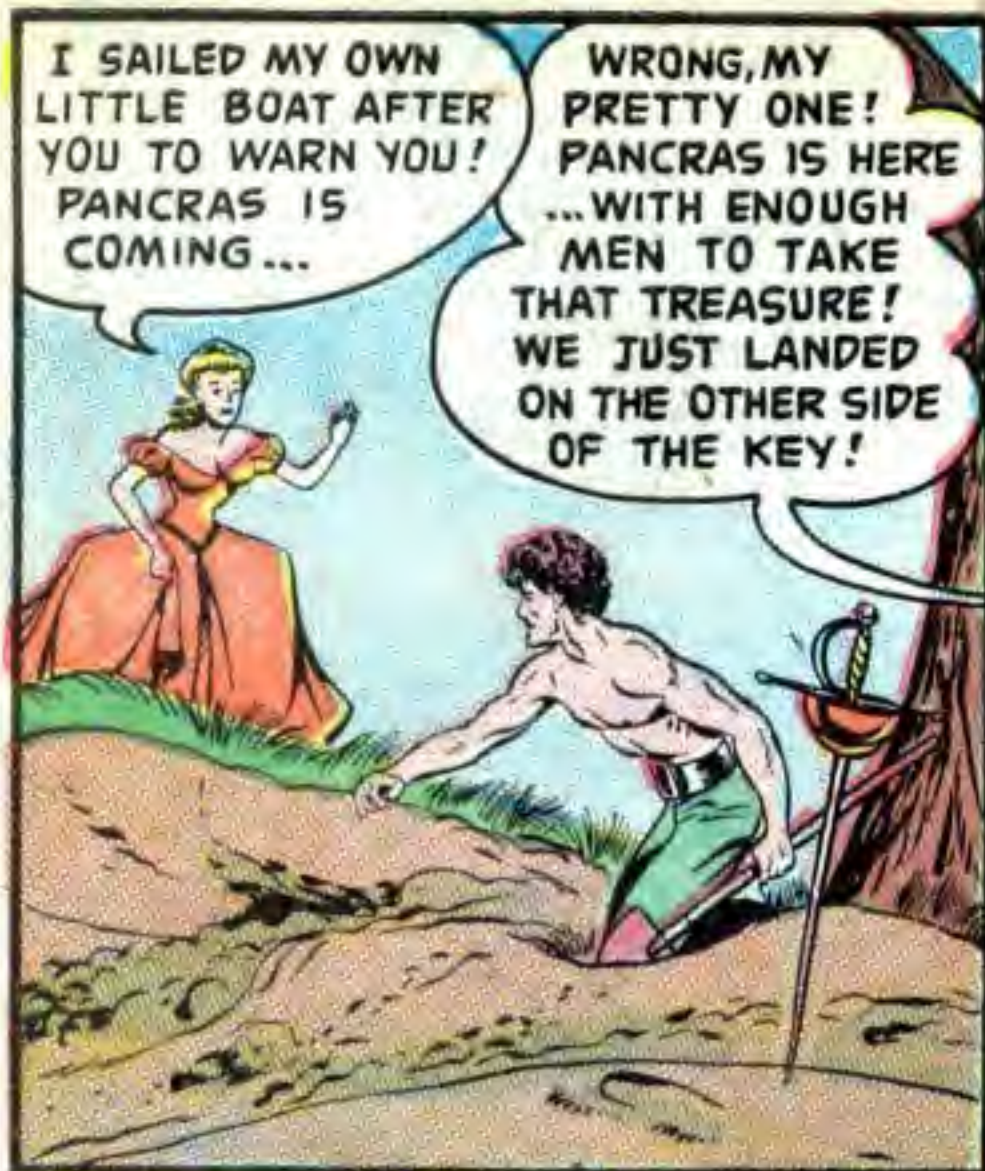
At THE LODGINGS OF PANCAS.

HE FOUGHT LIKE TWENTY DEVIL-FISH, SIR! BEAT US BOTH, AND DARED US TO FOLLOW TO FALCON'S KEY... WE NEVER HEARD OF THE PLACE, SIR!

HE KNEW THAT, OR HE'D NOT HAVE MENTIONED IT TO YOU! BUT I KNOW THE PLACE... A SMALL ISLE MY GRAND-FATHER FOUND AND NAMED YEARS AGO!

As THE SUN RISES OVER FALCON'S KEY..

BUCCANEERS



I SAILED MY OWN LITTLE BOAT AFTER YOU TO WARN YOU! PANCRAS IS COMING...

WRONG, MY PRETTY ONE! PANCRAS IS HERE ...WITH ENOUGH MEN TO TAKE THAT TREASURE! WE JUST LANDED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE KEY!



DO NOT LET HIM REACH THAT SWORD! HE'S A FIEND AT SWORDPLAY!

HANDLE HIM, YOU RASCALS!



VERY WELL, FRIENDS! WE'LL SETTLE IT SKULL-AND-KNUCKLE FASHION!

BEWARE, ERIC! PANCRAS IS GOING TO...



AGAIN YOUR WARNING COMES TOO LATE TO SAVE HIM, FORTUNA!

LOOK, MASTER PANCRAS! THE TREASURE YOUR GRANDFATHER LEFT!



JEWELS! GOLD! WELL WORTH THE TAKING!

AYE, SINK ME, IT IS THAT! YOU'RE MY PRISONERS, ALL OF YOU!



MY NAME IS THE SEA FOX! MY SPIES ARE AT EVERY PORT...INCLUDING THE ONE WHERE MR. PANCRAS HERE SO LOUDLY GAVE ORDERS TO COME AFTER HIDDEN TREASURE ON FALCON'S KEY!

YOU HAVE TOO MANY MEN FOR US TO OPPOSE! WHAT'S YOUR DEMAND, SEA FOX?



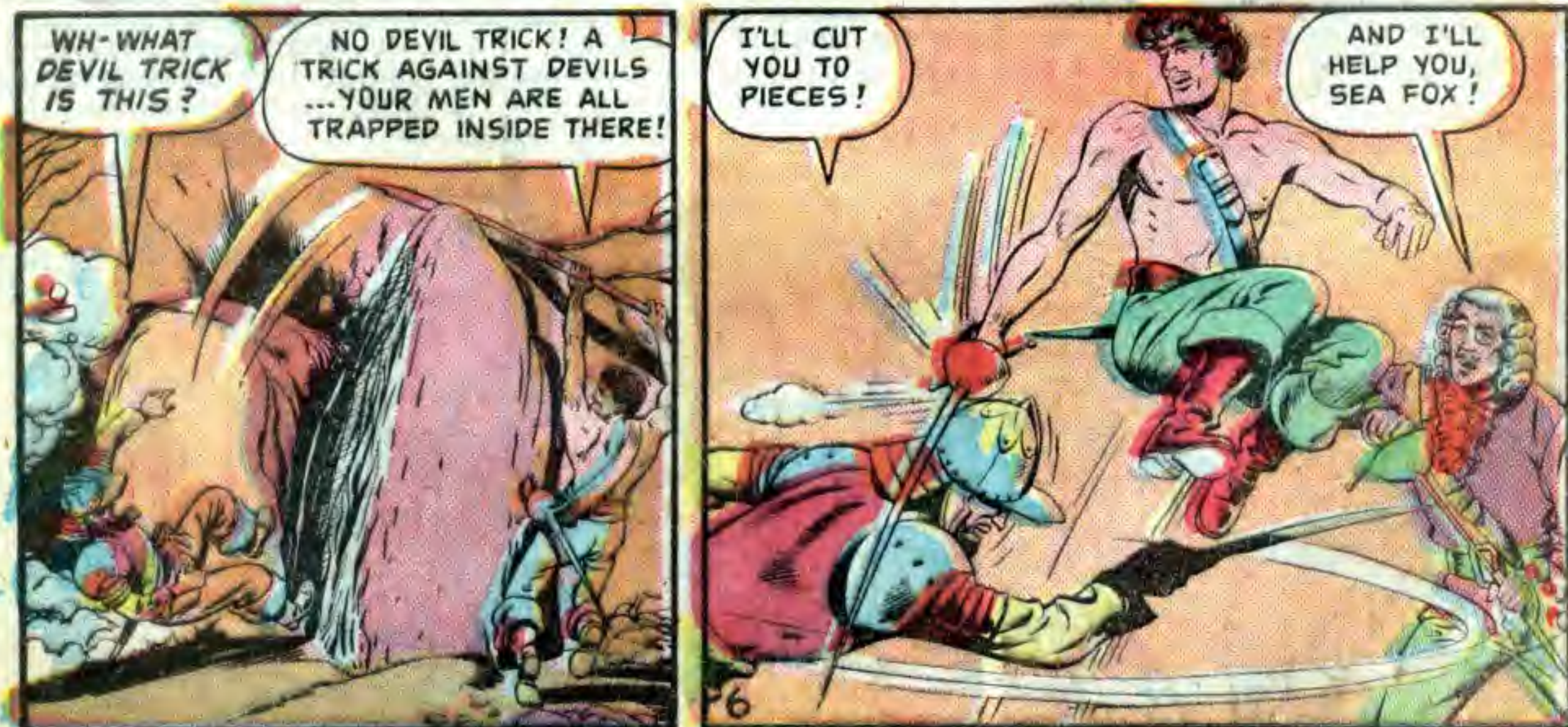
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, YOU'D BEST JOIN MY PIRATE CREW AND OBEY ORDERS!

AGREED, FOR ME AND WHILK! AND AS FOR FORTUNA HERE...



KEELHAUL ME, THE LASS IS A LOVELY ONE! MAYBE SHE'D CONSIDER BEING THE BRIDE OF A PIRATE LIKE ME! AS FOR HER GALLANT THERE, HE'D BEST BE KILLED OUT OF HAND!

AYE, SEA FOX! KILL ME... AND THE SECRET OF UNTOLD WEALTH WITH ME!





BRAVO, PANCRAS!
YOUR BLUNDERING
HATRED HELPED
ME!



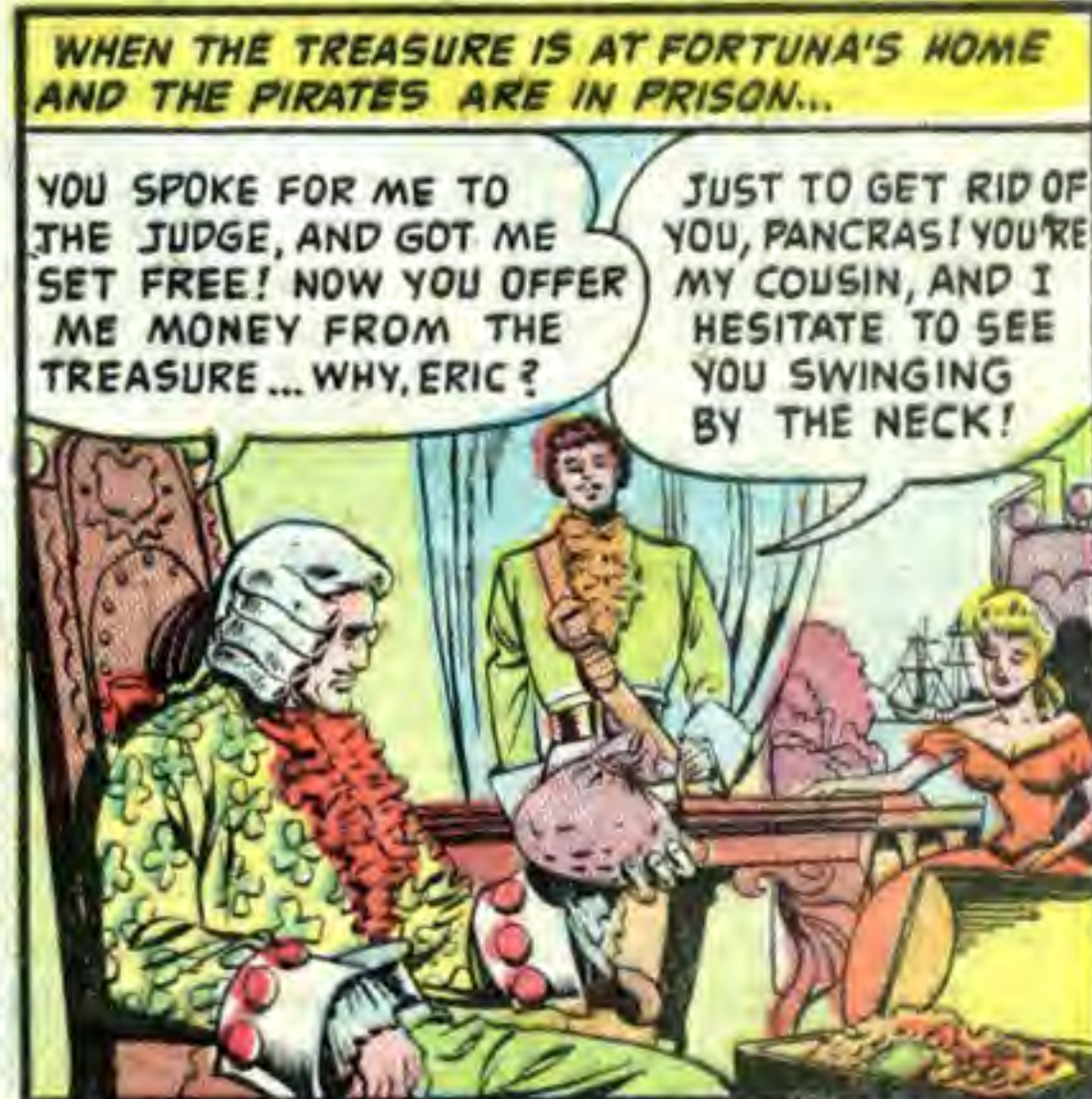
DON'T KILL
MY POOR
MASTER...
PLEASE!

NO NEED FOR
THAT! TIE THESE
TWO MEN, FORTUNA!
WHILK, CARRY THE
TREASURE CHEST
ABOARD MY
SAILBOAT!



SINK ME, I CAN'T
HELP BUT PRAISE
YOU FOR A BULLY
BOY! A PITY
YOU AREN'T A
PIRATE!

BUT I'M NOT, SEA FOX!
WE'RE SAILING TO THE
HARBOR! INTO THE PRISON
YOU GO, AND AN ARMED
PARTY WILL HEAD FOR
FALCON'S KEY TO BRING
BACK YOUR MEN FROM
THE CAVE!



WHEN THE TREASURE IS AT FORTUNA'S HOME
AND THE PIRATES ARE IN PRISON...

YOU SPOKE FOR ME TO
THE JUDGE, AND GOT ME
SET FREE! NOW YOU OFFER
ME MONEY FROM THE
TREASURE... WHY, ERIC?

JUST TO GET RID OF
YOU, PANCRAS! YOU'RE
MY COUSIN, AND I
HESITATE TO SEE
YOU SWINGING
BY THE NECK!



THAT MONEY WILL PAY
YOUR PASSAGE ACROSS
THE SEAS AND AWAY!
STAY OUT OF MY PATH,
PANCRAS, AND BE
THANKFUL YOU ESCAPED!

BAH! IT WILL BE A
PLEASURE NEVER TO
SEE YOU AGAIN!



ERIC, YOU HAVE
FOUND YOUR
FORTUNE... YOUR
ADVENTURES
ARE ENDED!

NO, FORTUNA! THEY
ARE JUST BEGIN-
NING! I LEAVE THIS
TREASURE IN YOUR
KEEPING, EXCEPT ENOUGH
TO FIT OUT A SHIP AND
HIRE A DARING CREW!



THEN AHoy FOR
NEW ADVENTURES!
I WAIT FOR ME TO
RETURN, FORTUNA...
I'LL COME BACK
COVERED WITH
GLORY!

YES,
ERIC! I'LL
WAIT!

BLACK SAILS

It was almost full darkness before the last hissing round-shot splashed into the sea and the battle ended. In the thickening shadows the two ships drifted, completely becalmed, a cannon-shot apart. On the *Revenge*, Captain Daring and his faithful Patch surveyed the grim wreckage.

"We'll not last till full sunup," Patch said, "unless a wind arises in the night so that we can slip away."

"It won't, Patch," Captain Daring said. "I know these latitudes. There'll be not a breath to stir the sails until dawn. By the time we can get under weigh, Black Dan will be closing in to finish smashing us once and for all."

Grimly they strode the decks, ashen with the blood of good men, splintered and gashed from the shot and shell that had turned the *Revenge* into a shambles. Crewmen still hale turned from tending the wounded to eye them in mute question. Captain Daring turned his own eyes away. There was no answer.

They had come upon Black Dan's ship in midafternoon and closed in for the smashing cannonade before boarding. Black Dan was the fiercest and cruelest of all the Caribbean pirates and the one Captain Daring most wanted to destroy in his scourging of the Spanish Main. But his first hope of victory had turned to bitter gall. Somehow Black Dan had procured great sheets of iron and behind these barricades his cutthroats had crouched in safety, roaring their own jeering triumph as the shot from the *Revenge* glanced harmlessly off. Behind those shields, their own gunners had systematically smashed the smaller ship until the *Revenge* now listed frightfully, its port guns pointed at the water. Only the sudden calm that trapped both ships had kept them from closing in for the final slaughter before sundown.

"We may as well take to the longboats," Patch said, "and hope we can be out of sight by dawn. We can't fight and we can't run. The *Revenge* is doomed. Even with the best cannon, we couldn't penetrate those iron barricades."

"We'll not run," Captain Daring snapped sharply. "I've an idea that may save us yet, Patch. Break out a keg of powder and one of those empty wafer casks. And get me a crew of

sound men. We've a deal to be done before daylight. I'll want small shot, ship's nails and any other scrap you can collect. Even broken bottles."

Working by moonlight, Captain Daring fashioned his answer to the pirate's promise of destruction. As the crew gaped in wonder, he had the keg of powder set inside the larger empty cask and had a fuse threaded out through the bung. Then the space between the two barrels was filled to the brim with scraps of iron and lead and shards of glass.

"Now," ordered Captain Daring, "I want this hoisted to the yardarm and lashed there. If luck is with us, it may save our hides."

True to his prophecy, a dawn wind came up with the sun, sending ripples across the water, bellying the black sails of the pirate. In a moment a white wake marked its first movement. From the yardarm Captain Daring poised, a sharp poinard in one hand and a flaming torch in the other. He called a word of caution to the crew below and then waited tensely, watching the ghostly shape of the pirate ship creep out of the dawn mists toward them. Its rail was lined with evil faces peering from behind the iron shields. A raucous shout of triumph went up as they saw the helplessness of the *Revenge*.

Now the enemy was close, so close that at the end of the yardarm, Captain Daring was hanging directly over the deck of Black Dan's ship. With a swift movement he thrust the flaming torch against the fuse of his makeshift bomb and as it sputtered to life, he slashed away the rope. Smoking and sputtering, the keg dropped downward toward the pirate's deck, behind the shields.

The helmsman saw it falling and yelled but his yell was drowned in the crimson fury of the blast. The keg of dynamite blew up behind the barricades, shredding the deck with its makeshift shrapnel of nails, shot and broken glass. The pirates were swept from the planks as if by a great storm, but those same shields protected the decks of the *Revenge*.

Captain Daring swung himself down a rope. "Prepare to board," he shouted to Patch. "There'll be few to oppose you now. The *Revenge* has once more upheld her name."

BLACK ROGER

THE MOSLEM CORSAIRS WERE THE TERROR OF THE SEAS... BUT BLACK ROGER BECAME THE TERROR OF THE MOSLEM CORSAIRS! HERE IS HOW BLACK ROGER BEGAN HIS INCREDIBLE SLASHING ADVENTURES ON LAND AND MAIN...



IT GOES BACK TO THE DAY WHEN YOUNG ROGER RANDOLPH, FRESH FROM THE UNIVERSITY, RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE VILLAGE...

WELCOME HOME, MASTER ROGER! THEY DO BE SAYING YOU'VE STUDIED THE LAW! AND WHEN AND WHERE WILL YOU START LAWYER'S WORK?

MAYBE RIGHT AWAY... SOMEBODY SEEMS TO BE ACTING LAWLESSLY YONDER!

ROT YOU, MAN! YOU'LL RUE THIS TREATMENT OF LORD WILLBAR'S BAILIFF! I'M PERFORMING MY DUTY... THIS BRASH YOUNG ORPHAN'S FATHER OWED HIS LORDSHIP MONEY...

AND YOU'D THROW THE YOUNG LAD OUT OF HIS HOME, EH?

GO TELL YOUR MASTER THAT I'M A LAWYER... ROGER RANDOLPH'S MY NAME! AND HE'LL DO BETTER TO COLLECT HIS DUES THROUGH PROPER COURT ACTION!

MY NAME'S BARTY BEWICK, MASTER RANDOLPH! I CAN'T PAY YOU BUT WITH THANKS... BUT I GIVE YOU A THOUSAND OF THEM!



AND WHEN THE CASE FOR DEBT AGAINST YOUNG BARTY BEWICK IS TRIED...

THE KING'S LAW AIDS THE POOR AS WELL AS THE RICH! LORD WILLBAR'S CLAIM OF DEBT AGAINST BARTY BEWICK IS DENIED BY THIS COURT!

'T WAS ALL THAT PROUD YOUNG LAWYER'S DOING, LORD WILLBAR! IF HE CONTINUES TO DEFEND YOUR TENANTS AND DEBTORS HE'LL BE TROUBLE!

HA, MASTER LAWYER, YOU'VE A PRETTY GIFT FOR LEGAL BUSINESS! SUPPOSE I PAY YOU WELL TO BE MY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE...

NO THANK YOU, LORD WILLBAR! THAT SOUNDS LIKE BRIBERY... TO KEEP ME FROM PROTECTING THOSE WHO NEED FAIR TRIALS AGAINST YOU!

INSULTS, YOU DOG? WELL, THERE'S ANOTHER WAY OF DEALING WITH YOU!

NOW YOUR LAWYER FRIEND MUST FIGHT! THIS WILL BE AN END OF HIM!

A THOUSAND FIENDS! YOU FIGHT LIKE A MASTER... I THOUGHT YOU WERE A LAW STUDENT!

I LEARNED THE SWORD AS WELL AS THE LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY, MY LORD!

YOU'VE DISARMED ME... I'M HELPLESS!

HAVE NO FEAR! I KILL NO UNARMED ENEMY! GO AND BE MERCIFUL TO POOR DEBTORS HEREFTER!

CURSE HIS IMPUDENCE! HE MEANS TO MOCK AND DEFEAT ME IN THE FUTURE!

ASKING YOUR PARDON, MY LORD... I KNOW A WAY TO RID YOU OF HIM!

I KNOW A SEA CAPTAIN, GOING TO THE COLONIES! HE DRIVES A TRADE IN SELLING SERVANTS TO THE PLANTERS! IF WE OFFERED HIM MONEY...

WELL THOUGHT OF, BAILIFF! GIVE YOUR FRIEND THIS PURSE AND SHOW HIM WHAT TO DO!

Later THAT DAY...

YOU'RE YOUNG AND ALONE, BARTY! BUT IF NOBODY ELSE INTERFERES, YOU MAY THRIVE BY HARD WORK AND HONESTY!

THAT'S MY MAN, MY HEARTIES! WORK FAST AND WORK QUIETLY!







LOOK, ROGER! THOSE BARBARY PIRATES ARE GOING TO BOARD US!

DON'T STOP TO STARE, BARTY! QUICK... CLIMB HIGHER!



THEY'RE BOARDING US...IT LOOKS AS IF EVERY FIGHTING MAN OF THEM IS COMING ABOARD OUR SHIP?

YES, THE FOOLS! AND LEAVING THEIR OWN SHIP ALMOST EMPTY! ONCE I SET THIS HOOK IN THEIR RIGGING...



AS I THOUGHT! THE UNBELIEVERS ARE FIGHTING ABOARD THE SHIP I LEFT! BUT HERE, UNGUARDED, ARE THE GALLEY SLAVES!



HEAVEN BLESS YOU, STRANGER, FOR SETTING ME FREE!

DON'T STOP TO THANK ME! HELP ME GET OTHERS FREE! THEN...



COME ON! ATTACK THOSE DOGS WHO MADE SLAVES OF YOU!

STRIKE THEM! SMASH THEM!



TAKE WARNING, O MOSLEMS! HERE COMES A HORDE LOOSED FROM THE INFERNAL REGIONS...

SAY RATHER, A JUDGEMENT OF HEAVEN UPON YOUR CRUEL PIRACY!



AFTER THEM! LET NO MAN ESCAPE!



CAUGHT OFF GUARD AND FURIOUSLY ATTACKED, THE PIRATES ARE OVERWHELMED...

INTO THE SEA WITH THEM! THEIR CAREER OF CRUELTY IS AT AN END!



THANK YOU, SIR, FOR SAVING OUR LIVES! BUT OUR POOR CAPTAIN IS DEAD! WHO'LL COMMAND THIS SHIP NOW?

SHATTER MY SPARS! WHAT A FOOLISH QUESTION! WHO SHALL COMMAND BUT THE FELLOW WHO SAVED THE DAY...THIS BLACK-HAIRED BATTLER!

MY NAME'S ROGER RANDOLPH! AND IT'S TRUE, I HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF SAILING AND COMMANDING A SHIP...
BLACK ROGER FOR CAPTAIN! ALL IN FAVOR SAY AYE... AND LET ANYBODY DARE VOTE NO!

AND THUS, ACCLAIMED BY ROUGH BUT LOYAL SEAMEN, ATTORNEY ROGER RANDOLPH BECOMES BLACK ROGER, SKIPPER OF A FIGHTING CREW...



HERE'S YOUR CABIN, ROGER! YOU CAN FIND CLOTHES AND WEAPONS INSIDE!

WE'LL BRING ABOARD ALL THE WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES FROM THAT CURSED GALLEY AND SINK HER!

WE SWEATED AND SLAVED FOR THAT PIRATE CREW FOR YEARS, CAPTAIN! WE ASK YOU LEAD US AGAINST THEIR COMRADES, WHO LOOT AND KILL THROUGH ALL THESE WATERS!

AND GLADLY WILL I DO IT! BUT FIRST... ONE VOYAGE TO MY HOMELAND!



WHERE ARE WE BOUND?

TO YOUR HOME VILLAGE AND MINE...FOR A LITTLE VISIT TO LORD WILL-BAR!

SOME NIGHTS LATER, LORD WILL-BAR SITS IN HIS RICH PARLOR, ENTERTAINING... HIMSELF!

MARRY COME UP, GOOD BAILIFF! HAVE YOU THE LIST OF TENANTS WE ARE GOING TO CHARGE WITH DOUBLE RENT?

AYE, THAT I HAVE, MY LORD! AND NO SWIFT-SPEAKING YOUNG LAWYER TO POINT OUT THAT THE KING'S LAW FORBIDS SUCH A THING!

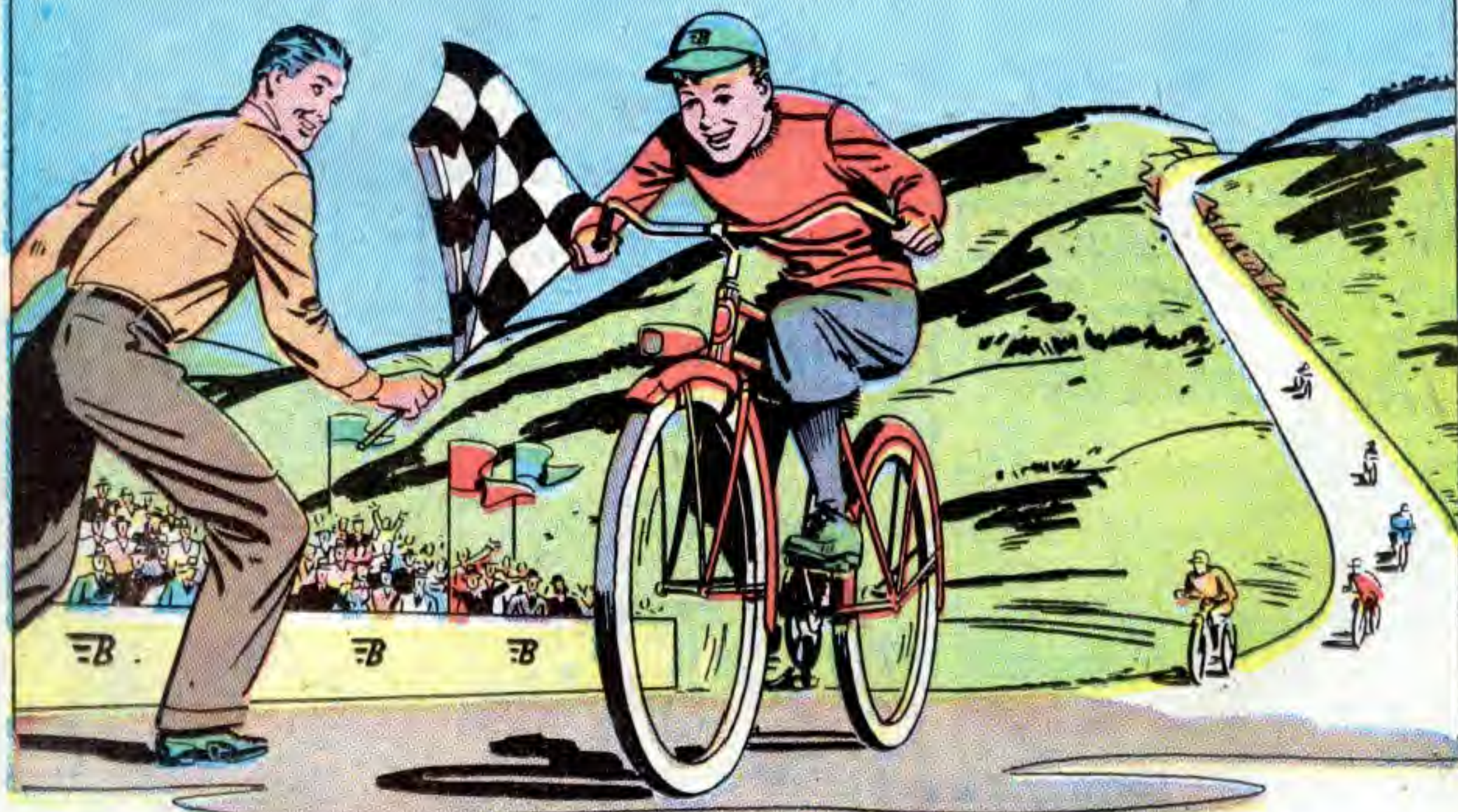




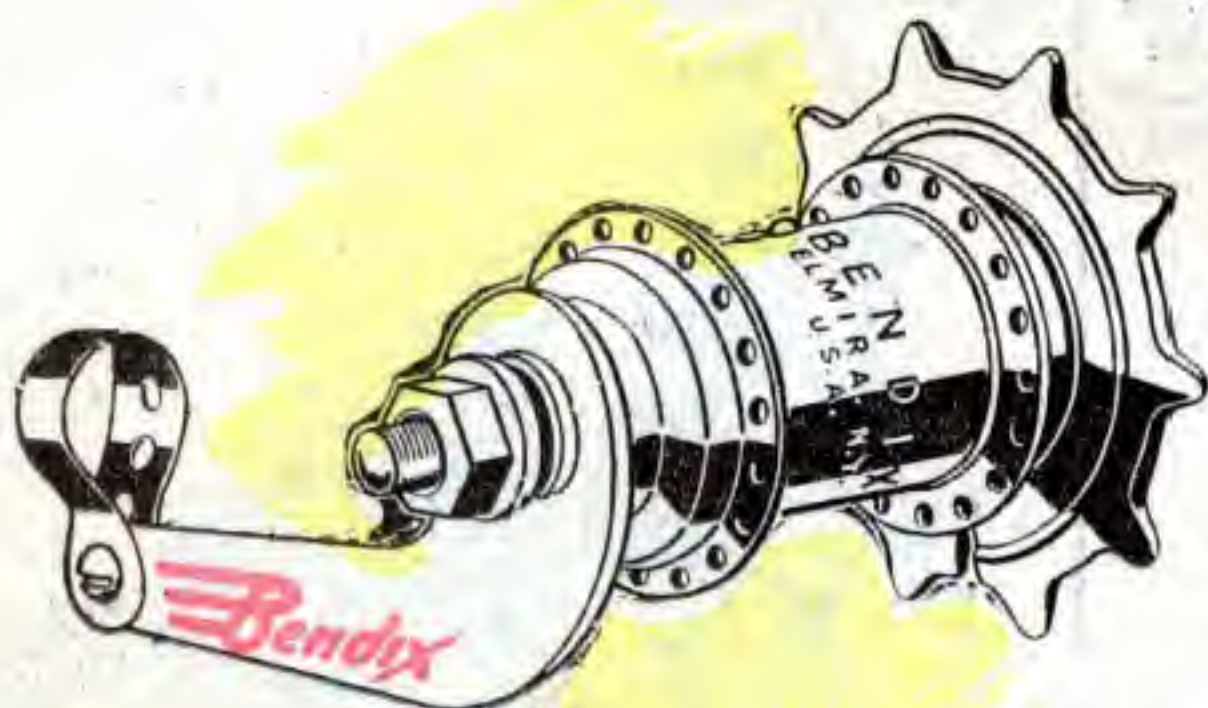




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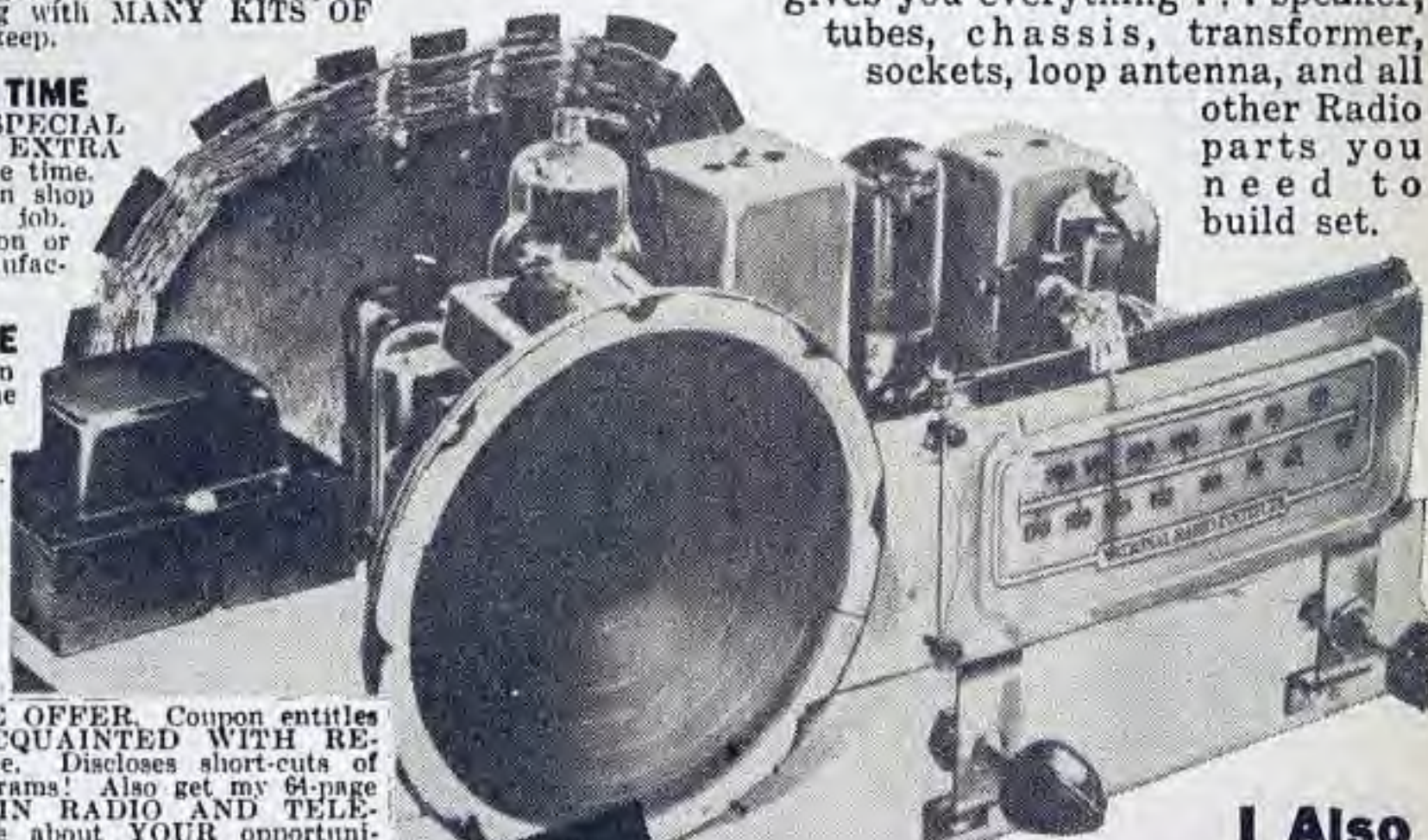


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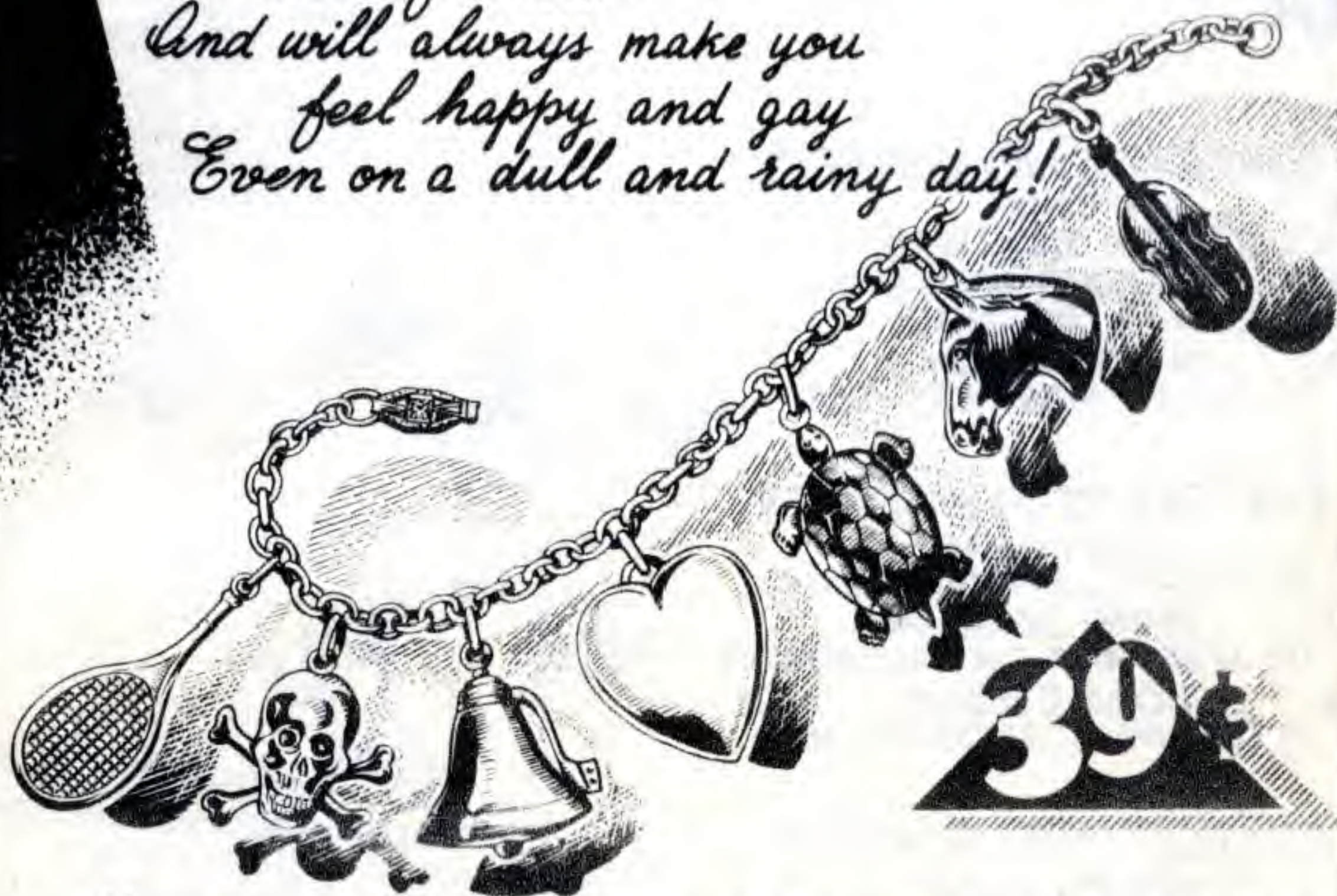
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